

## USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, October 7, 2024

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm via zoom.

**Attendees:** 19

### **Officers:**

President: Alex Cuzzo  
Vice President: Robert Lemke  
Vice President: Jason Ramirez - *Absent*  
Treasurer: Gary Westerfield  
Secretary: Pamela Lee

### **Standing Sport Committees:**

Track & Field: Richard Degnan  
Track & Field: Leigh Pollet  
MUT: Ronald Nardo  
Masters Athletics: Robert Lemke  
Youth Athletics: Liz Barney  
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo  
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi - *Absent*

### **Standing Administrative Committees:**

Officials: George Erker  
Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter - *Excused*  
Sports Medicine: Elizabeth O'Donnell - *Absent*  
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*  
Outreach: Ronald Nardo  
Public Relations: Lori Mangual  
Nominating: Liz Barney  
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*  
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer  
Communications: Erin Cassano  
Bd Member At-Large: Keith Guilfoyle

### **Club Representatives:**

Alan Baisch  
Brendan Dagan  
Fred Haslett

### **Invited Guests:**

Rose Mangogna  
Sue Michta

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Board Meeting of August 26, 2024 were approved as amended.

**Budget & Finance:** Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of September 30, 2024 is \$56,078.98; the balance as of October 7, 2024 is \$53,690.94. The difference reflects registrations and expenses for the USATF National Meeting.

**Membership:** There are 1,214 individuals registered as USATF members (down 176 from the previous year) and there are 56 clubs and organizations.

### **Discussion/Business Items:**

### **President's Report:**

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***Old Business:***

*Cow Harbor & USATF 10k Championship:* Race went smoothly. May be the last year as a USATF National race due to USATF/World Athletics restrictions and the National 1/2 Marathon will be the following week next year. Perhaps, the race will be part of the Association Grand Prix Series in 2025.

*USATF-LI Association Annual Convention:* Held on September 27, 2024 at Hofstra University. Event went smoothly due to the relationship with the University.

*Officials' shirts:* 50 shirts have been ordered and should be available by the cross-country meet.

*IRS Form 4506B:* Request for duplicate of 501(c)(3) determination letter. Rob Lemke found IRS status on web site database, but listed under USATF umbrella. The Association was incorporated in February 2000. We have been using the same accountant since Gary Westerfeld came on board. Gary Westerfeld reported that we file as a not-for-profit entity under NYS. Under the State of New York, we are a corporation established under 402 corporate law and file Form 990 for tax purposes which shows no group exemption.

***New Business:***

*USATF National Convention and Proposed Restructuring of USATF National Convention:* Scheduled for December 5, 2024 – December 8, 2024 in Orlando, FL. 13 delegates can represent USATF-LI. LI has registered 10 delegates to date. Registration fee is \$190/participant.

*Annual Meeting Remembrances:* Submit names and history to Alex Cuzzo by November 24, 2024.

***Committee Reports:***

***Standing Sport Committees:***

*Track & Field:* Rich Degnan reported that 20 individuals participated in the first Fall Clinic which started on October 6, 2024. The New Year's Eve Clinic will be held at St. Anthony's High School. Cold Spring Harbor HS, as well as West Babylon HS and Division Avenue HS, are interested in hosting a track meet. Hauppauge HS is unavailable. Leigh Pollet suggested providing T-shirts and to emphasize insurance to/from meets to promote membership.

*LDR:* Alex Cuzzo reported that 200 individuals participated in the Massapequa Mile (October 6) and the next 2024 Grand Prix races are the Autismile (October 13), and The Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor's 5k (October 19). The events page for the Y/O/M Cross-Country Championship, scheduled for November 10, 2024 at Bethpage State Park, is up on the web site. Paperwork for the 2025 Grand Prix Road Series will be available after the National Convention has taken place.

*Race Walking:* Gary Westerfeld reported that the National 5k took place on September 29, 2024 in New Jersey. Maria Michta-Coffey won her 49<sup>th</sup> National Title and Team Awards went to WalkUSA.

*Mountain Ultra & Trail:* No report.

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*Master Athletics:* Rob Lemke reported that the World Masters Indoor Championships will take place on March 23-25, 2025 in Gainsborough, Fl (the first time that this event will take place in the US). Rose Mangogna and Sue Michta will be officiating at this event.

*Youth:* Liz Barney reported there will be youth participation at the Cross-Country Meet on November 10, 2024. USATF Region I Junior Olympics National Cross-Country Championships has been moved to Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on November 17, 2024. The USATF Junior Olympics National Cross-Country Championships will take place on December 14, 2024 in Shelbyville, IN.

*Para-Athletics:* Steven Cuomo announced that he has submitted his name for USATF National Chair by the October 1, 2024 deadline and has received an acceptance letter. He has also attended a meeting in Boston regarding obtaining a track for a camp during the February 2025 Winter Break. He would like to offer free entry for individuals with valid USATF membership.

***Standing Administrative Committees:***

*Officials:* George Erker reported that 14 officials have signed up to work the Cross-Country Meet on November 10, 2024.

*Sports Medicine:* No report.

*Records:* No report.

*Outreach:* Ron Nardo reported that RunJumpThrow clinics will be held for CYO at Seneca Middle School, Holbrook, on October 18, 2024 for Grades K-3 and on November 1, 2024 for Grades 4-6.

*Public Relations:* Lori Mangual reported that the Cross-Country flyer has been submitted to the Patch publications.

*Nominating:* Liz Barney reported that Google Forms may be used for future online voting and suggested that a trial run take place prior to the next Board Meeting. Alex Cuzzo will check to see if this procedure is permitted by National.

*Law and Legislation:* No report.

*Membership:* No report.

*Coaching Education:* No report.

*Communication/Marketing:* No report.

***Other Activities:***

*Website:* No report.

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*Next meeting:* Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Lee, Secretary, USATF-Long Island